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# Characterization of active inclusion body

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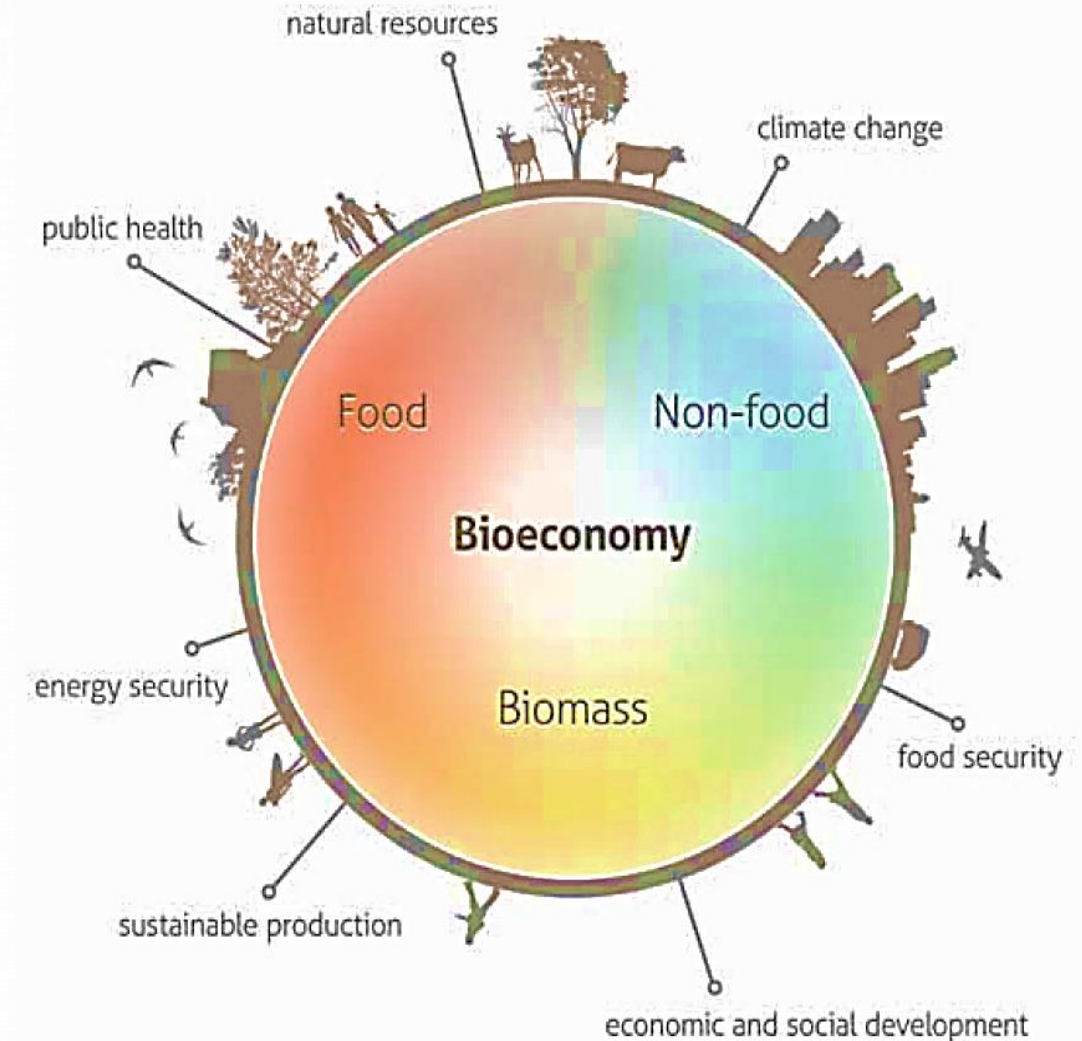
# Introduction

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# Introduction

## Bioeconomy

- Now we are in the area of the Bioeconomy, which goes further than Biotechnology, it refers to the sustainable production and conversion of biomass into a range of food, health and industrial products.
- The bioeconomy will improve nutrition and health, create Smart bio-based products and biofuels, forestry and other ecosystems to adapt to climate change.





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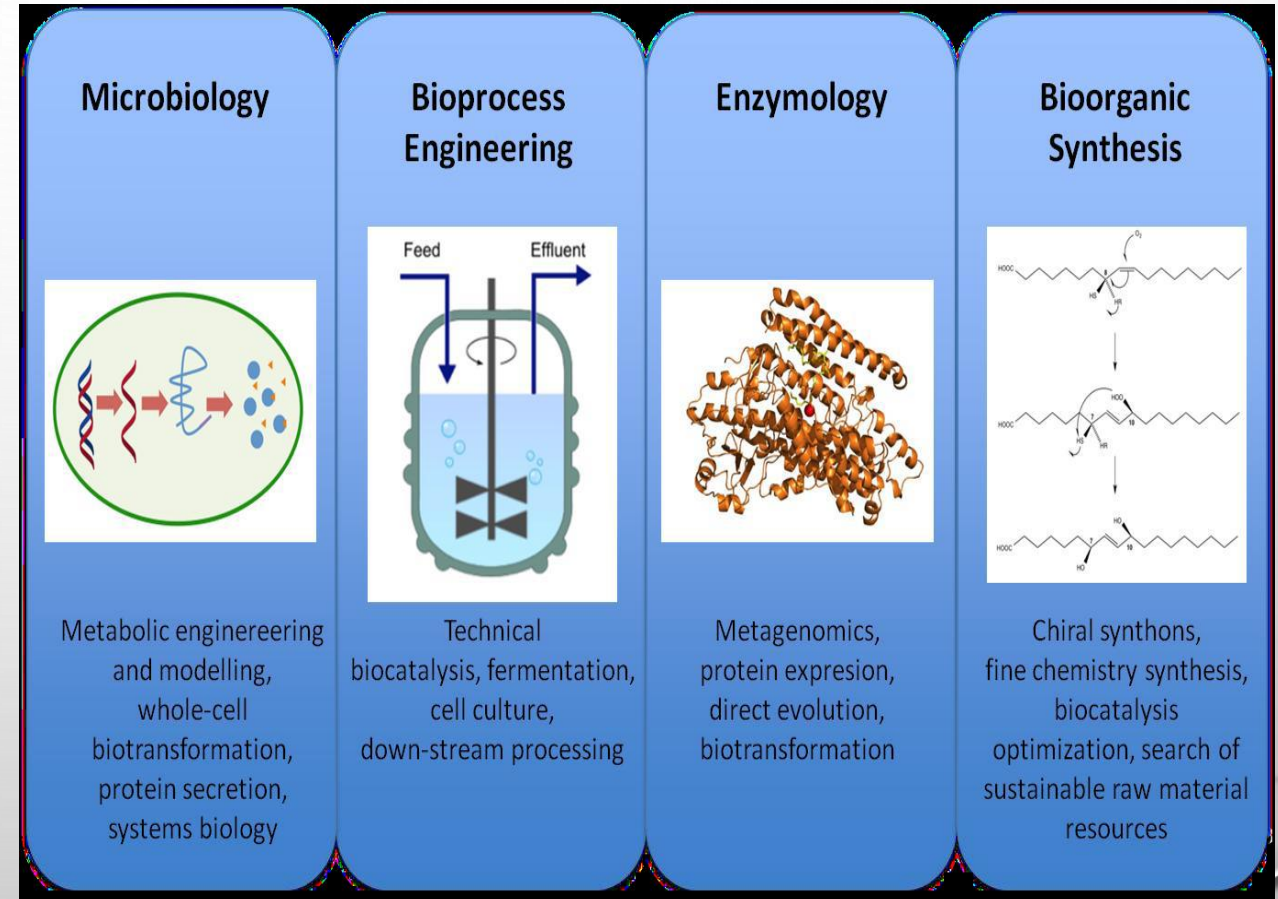
## Industrial Biotechnology

- Also known as White Biotechnology.
- White biotechnology contain the production of a variety of different chemical compounds using microorganism.



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- One of the molecular tools of White Biotechnology are enzymes.
- Enzymes act as biocatalysts in the chemical industry to:
  1. Catalyse chemical reactions for which no suitable chemical catalysts are available.
  2. Conduct Green chemistry by replacing chemical processes.



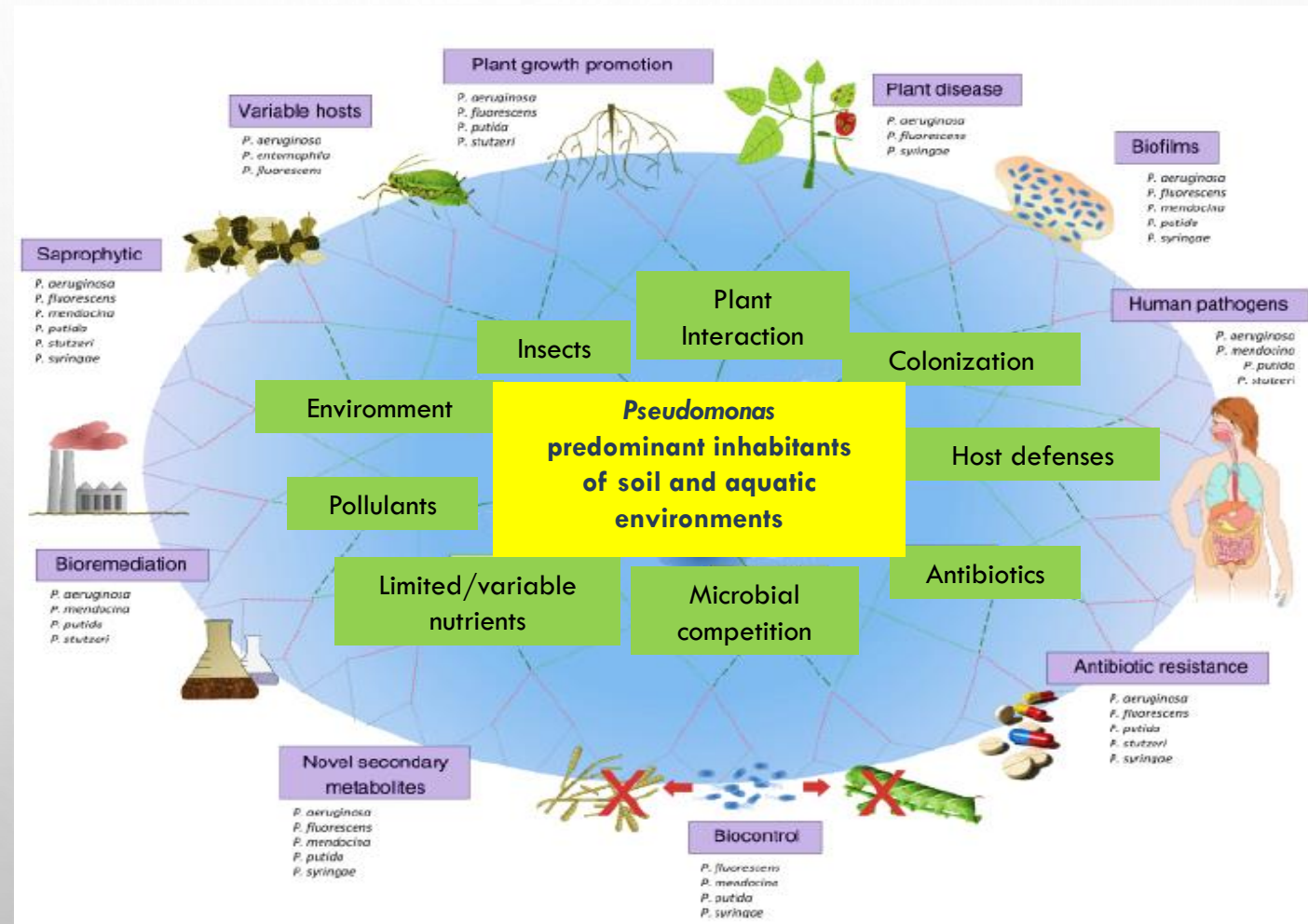
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- Microbial technology constitutes the core of Industrial Biotechnology

## The genus *Pseudomonas*



Natural and powerful  
tool





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## **Microorganism/Biotransformation**

- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Gram-negative bacteria

Bioremediation

Oxylipin synthesis

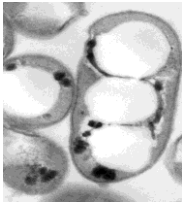


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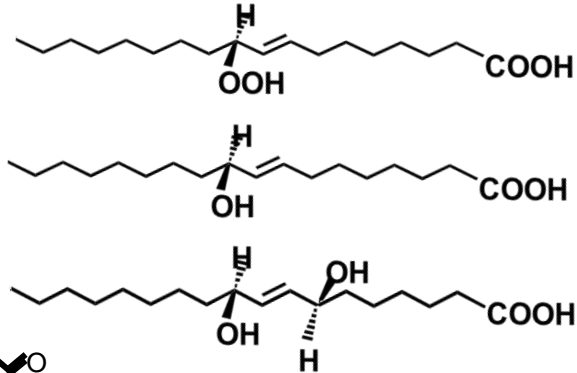
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## Oxylipin

- Family of oxygenated fatty acids
- Emulsifying agent in food and cosmetics industries
- Biologically active antibacterial or antifungal substance
- Intermediates in the synthesis of fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals

Rodriguez-Carmona *et al.* JAOCS 89:111-122 (2012)

## Hydroxy-fatty acids and Estolides



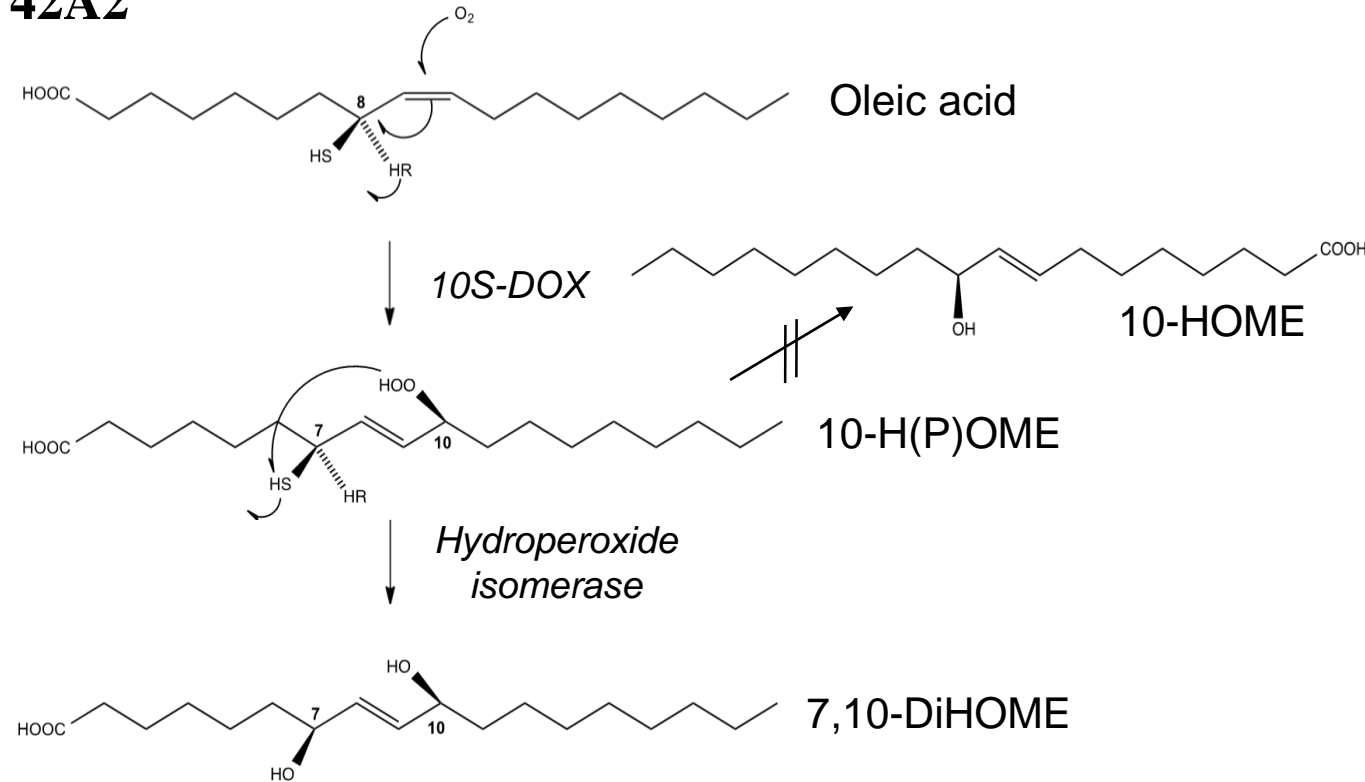
Martin-Arjol, 2014; Estupiñan, 2015

# Introduction

## Oxylipin synthesis in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* 42A2

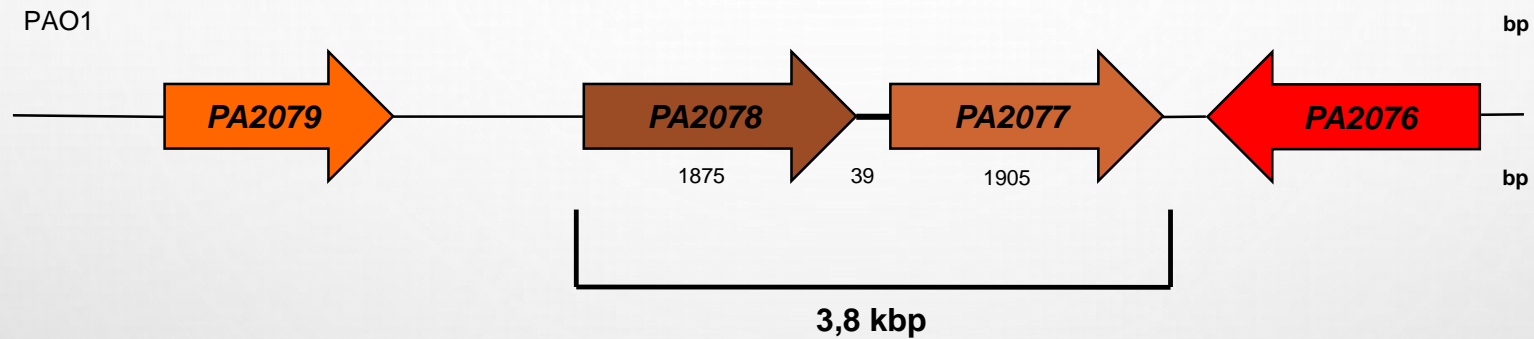
Oleate-diol synthase pathway:

1. oleic acid, is initially converted into hydroperoxide 10-H(P)OME by a 10*S*-Dioxygenase (10-DOX) (PA2077).
2. the bioconversion of the hydroperoxide into 7,10-DiHOME by an 7,10-diol synthase (7,10-DS) (PA2078).



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## GENE IDENTIFICATION: FROM FUNCTION TO GENE



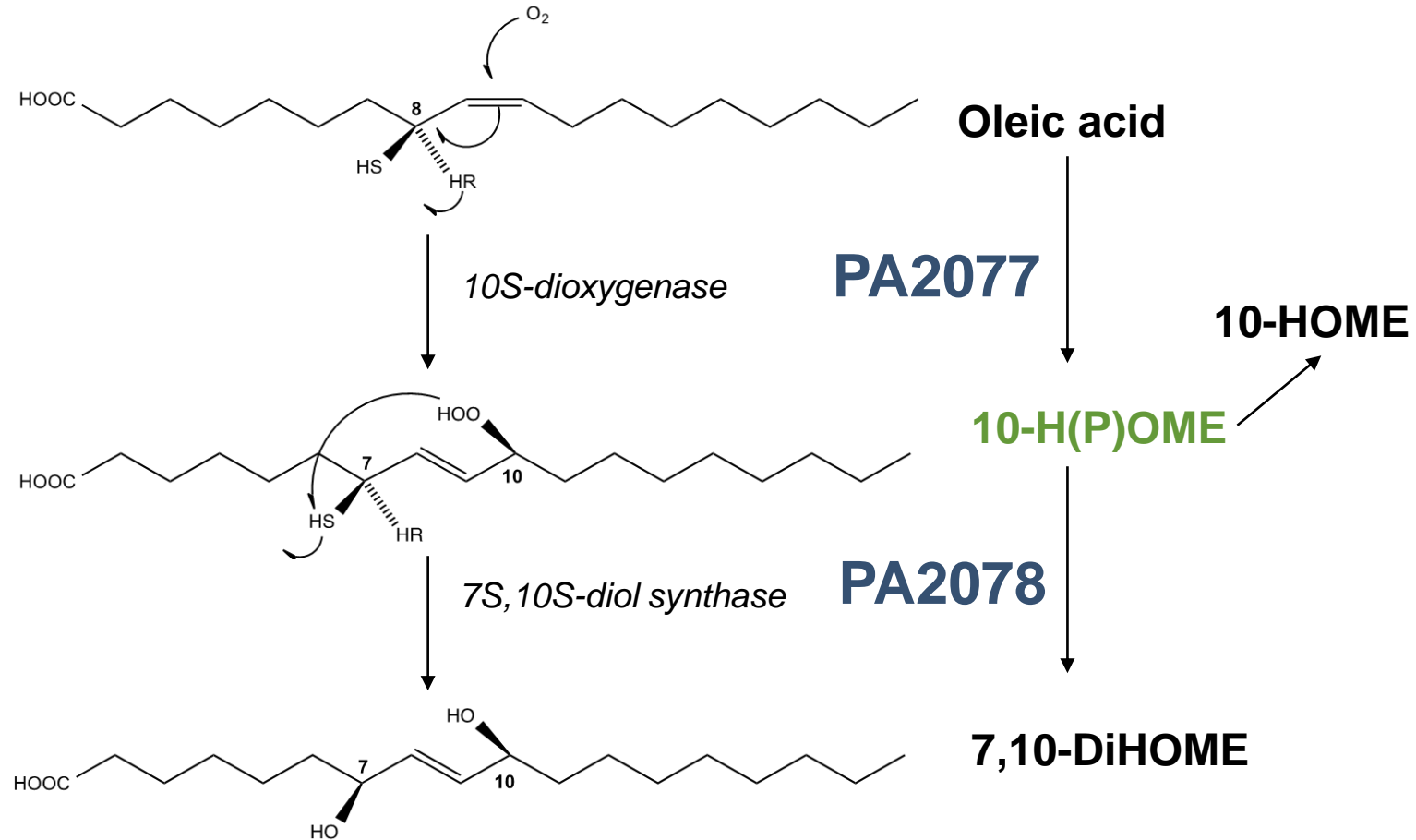
Genomic organization  
of ORFs PA2077 and PA2078



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Final pathway..

## Oleate-Diol Synthase (DS) pathway

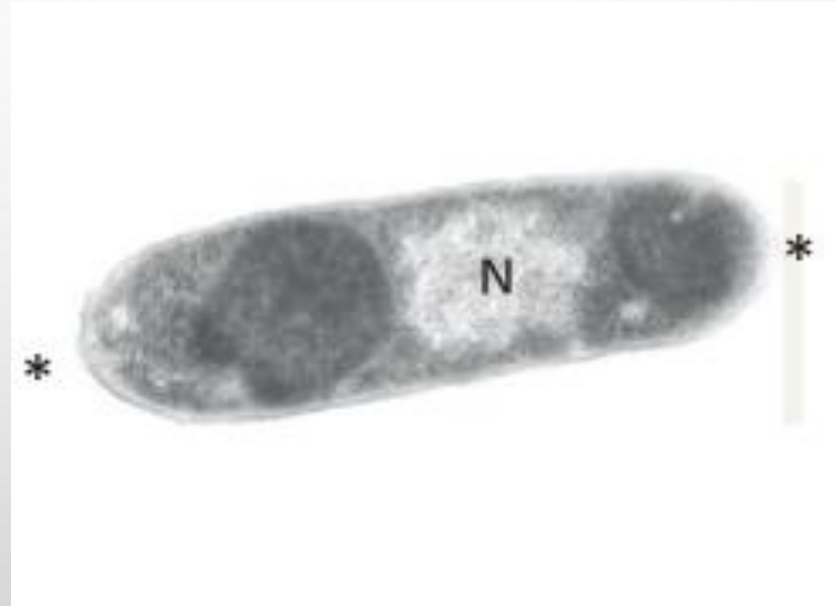


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## Inclusion body

- Accumulation of aggregate protein that produced in *E. coli* during high level expression of heterologous proteins.

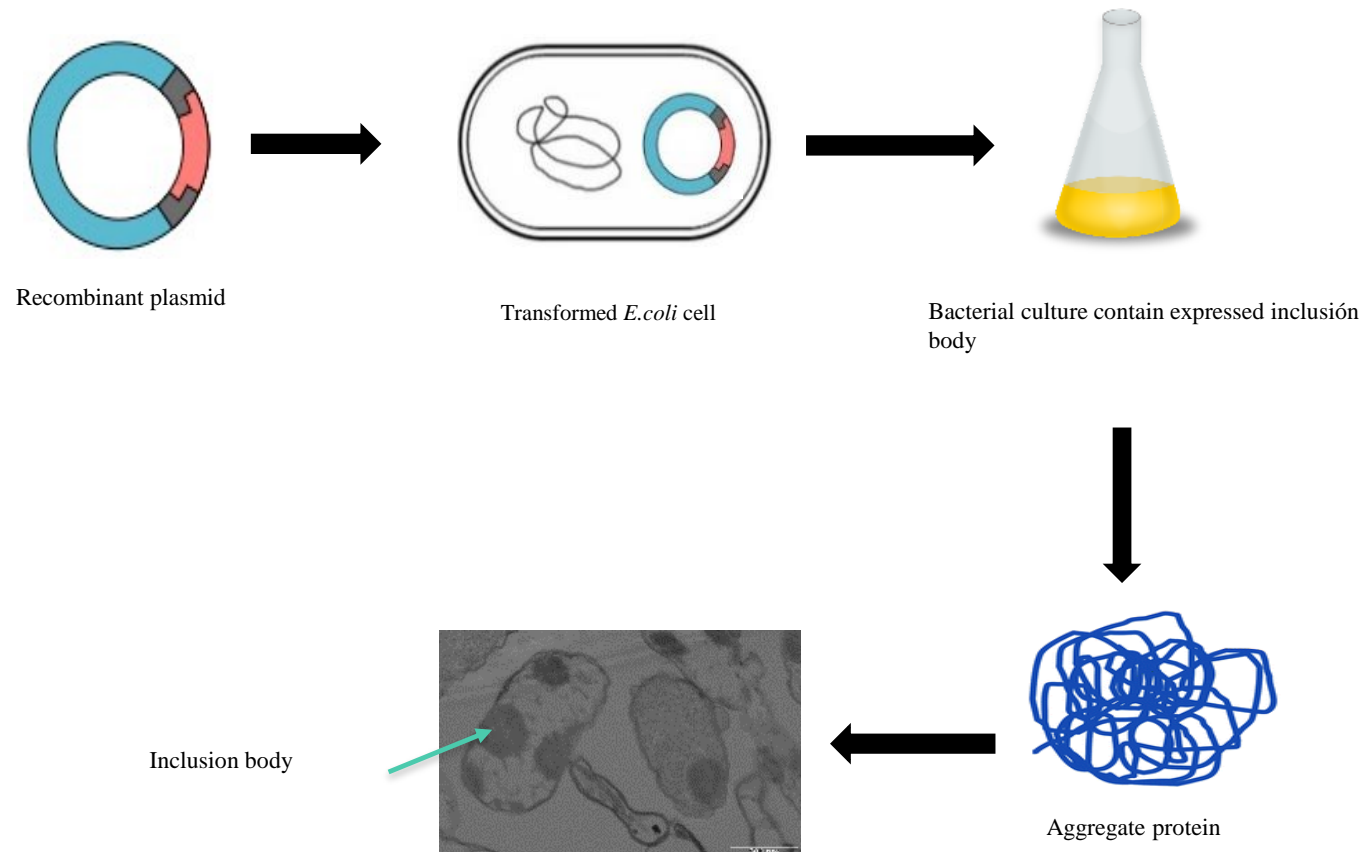


- **Formation of inclusion body**
  - Heat shock stress
  - Strong inducer or strong promoter in vectors
  - Chaperons
  - Amino acidic sequence (hydrophobic)

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- Expressed DH5 $\alpha$  (pMMB-77) and BL21(pET 28 a-78) as IBs in *E.coli*.

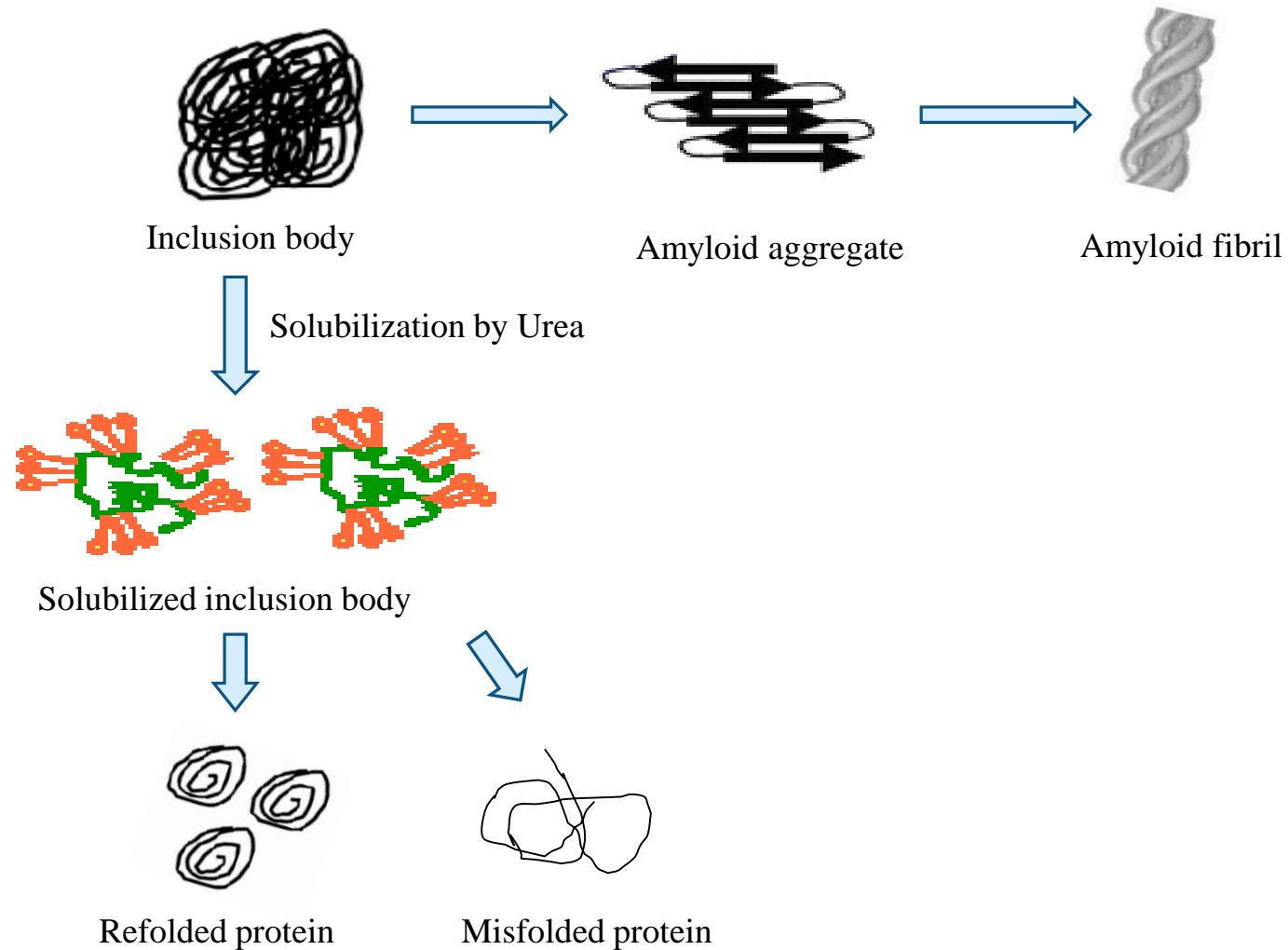




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- **structure of IB and protein refolding**



# Objetives

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# Objetives

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## Aim 1

- Produce recombinant protein in *E.coli*



## Aim 2

- Study the structure of the aggregates formed protein



## Aim 3

- Demonstrate activity of purified & refolded inclusion body

# Results

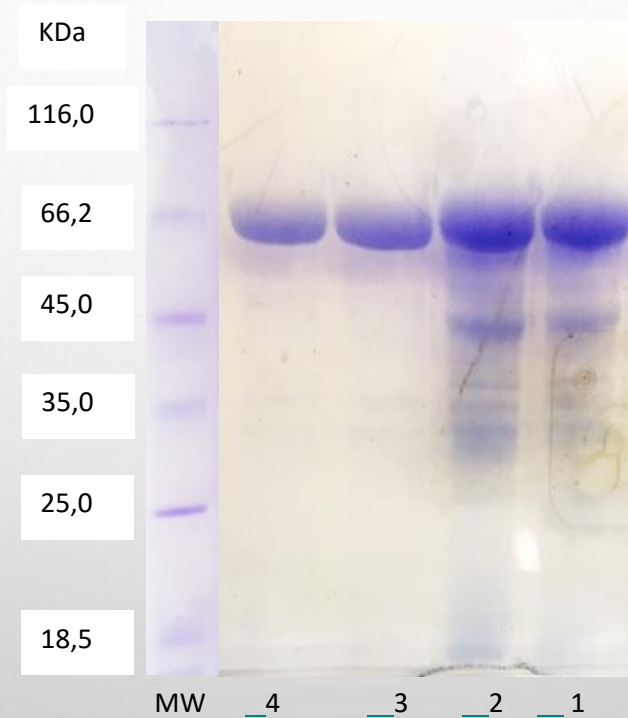
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# Results

SDS-PAGE analysis of DH5 $\alpha$  (pMMB-77) and BL21 (pET 28a-78) over expression in *E. coli*. .  
lane 1, crude IBs-77; lane 2 crude IBs-78; lane 3 refolded IBs-77, lane 4 refolded IBs-78



**Fig .1**

## Results

Protein concentration obtained in the production of inclusion bodies

Protein (mg/mL)	IBs-77	IBs-78
Pure IBs	0.875	1.398
Soluble protein in supernatant	1.8	2.12
Fraction of IBs protein (%)	32.5	39.7
Refolded protein	0.333	1.335

# Results

- Enzymatic activities of the 10S-dioxygenase and 7,10 (S,S)-diolsynthase, inclusion bodies.

Functional protein	refolded protein/IBs (%)	Specific activity UI/mg			Recovered activity (%)
		Soluble protein	Pure IBs	Refolded protein	
10S- dioxygenase 10-DOX	37.7	$0.8 \times 10^{-3}$	1.0	0.05	0.4
7,10 (S,S) diol synthase 7,10-DS	95.5	$0.8 \times 10^{-3}$	2.2	nd*	nd

\* no detected

# Results

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- **Morphology of inclusion body**

- Transmission electron microscopy (TEM)
- Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR)
- Congo red (CR)
- Proteinase K (PK)
- Thioflavin T fluorescence (ThT)
- Atomic Force Microscope (AFM)

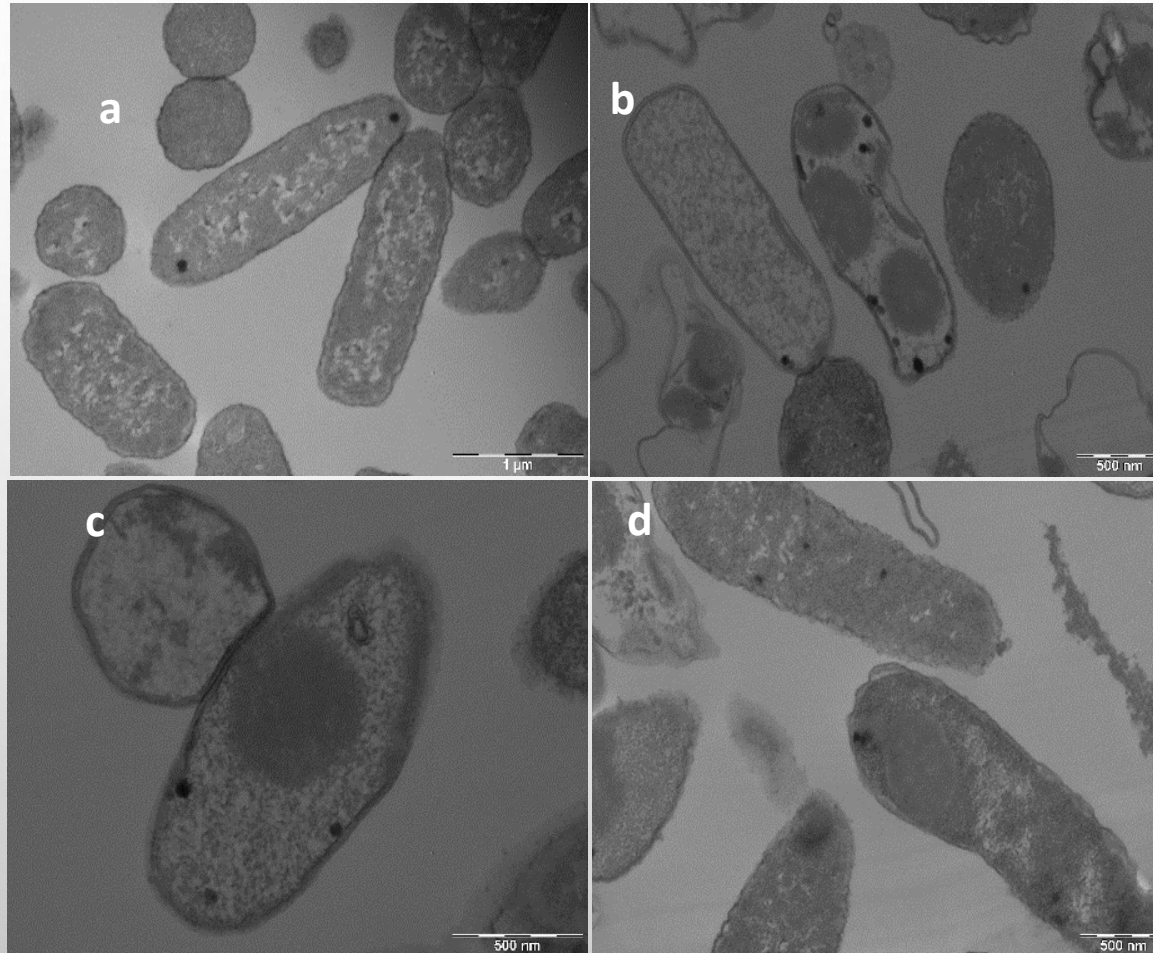


# Results

- **TEM**

Native cells of DH5 $\alpha$   
(pMMB-77), a

The Size range: 214,28 - 460,5 nm



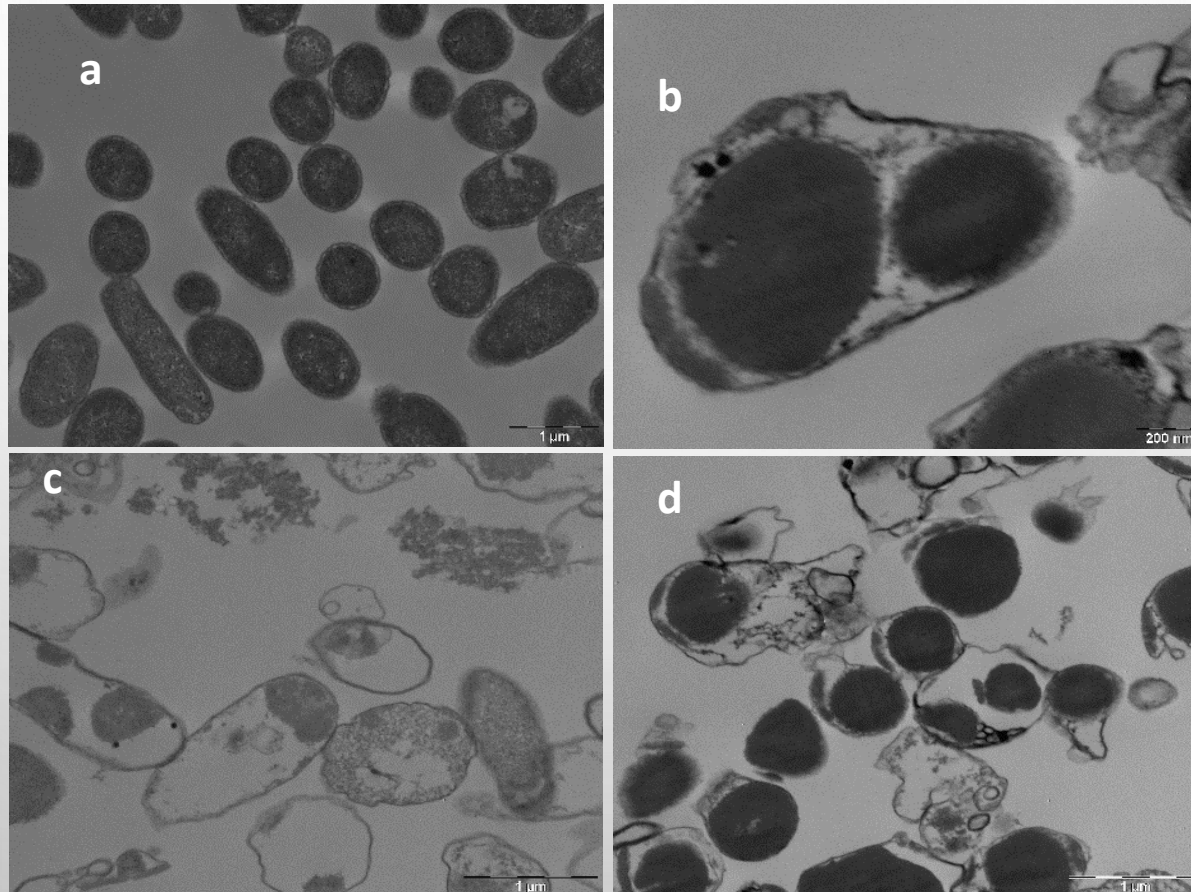
Induced cells of DH5 $\alpha$   
(pMMB-77), (b-d)

**Fig .2**

# Results

The Size range: 294 - 529 nm

Native cells of  
BL21(pET 28a-78), a



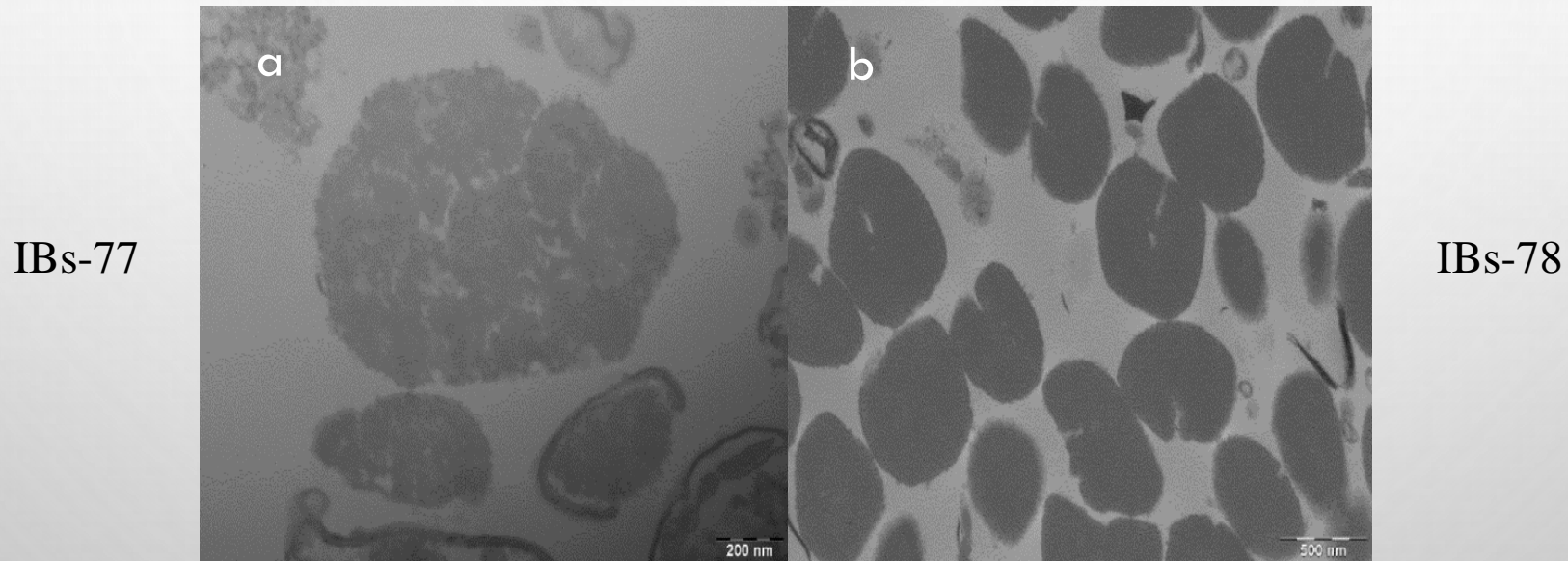
Induced cells of BL21(pET  
28a-78) cells (b-d)

**Fig .3**



## Results

- Transmission Electron Microscopy of purified inclusion bodies after fresh staining with uranyl acetate 2%. (a) IBs-77, (b) IBs-78.



**Fig .4**

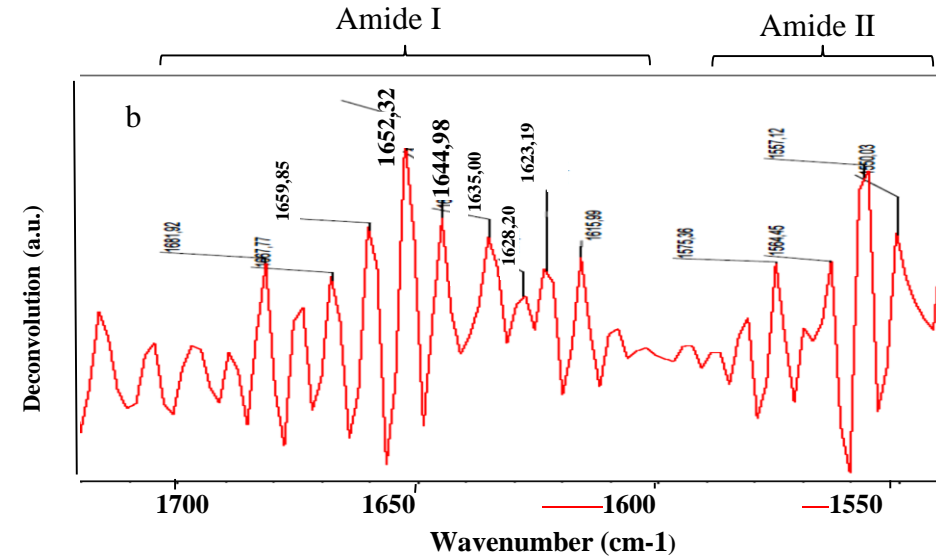
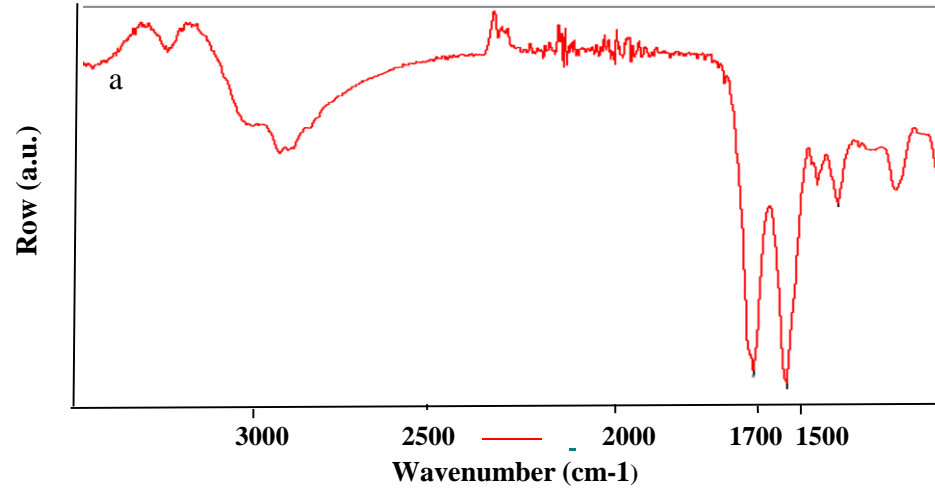
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- FT-IR**

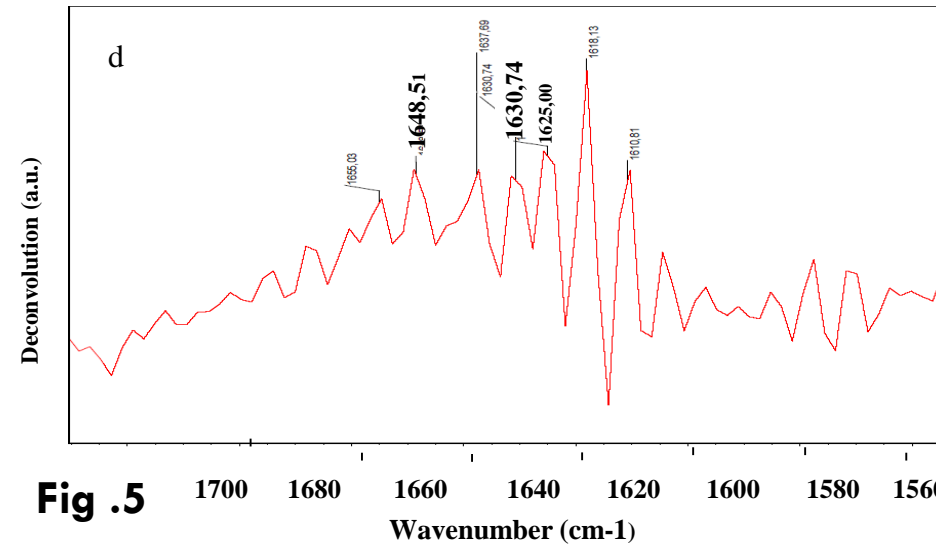
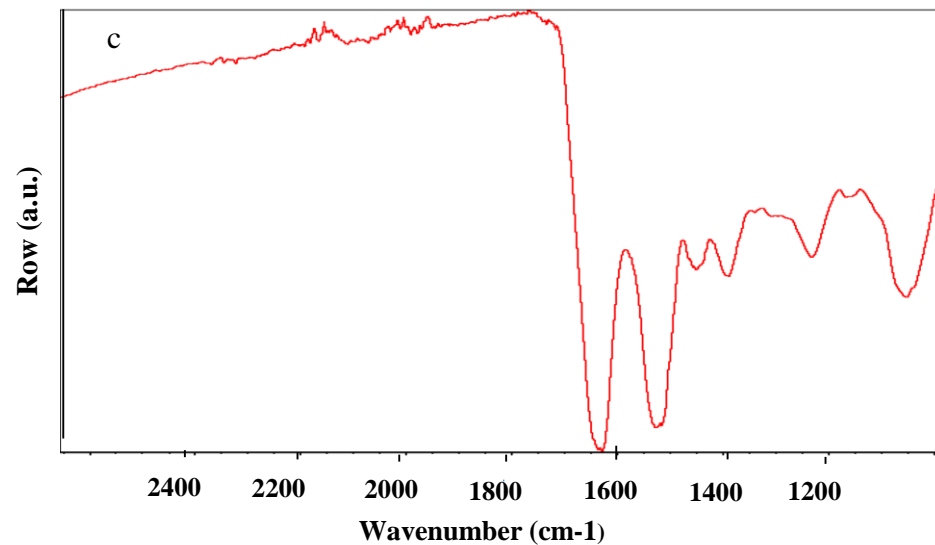
Row and deconvoluted spectra of IBs-77 and control cells

Amid I band  
1600-1700cm<sup>-1</sup>

Amid II band  
1500-1550cm<sup>-1</sup>



control cells

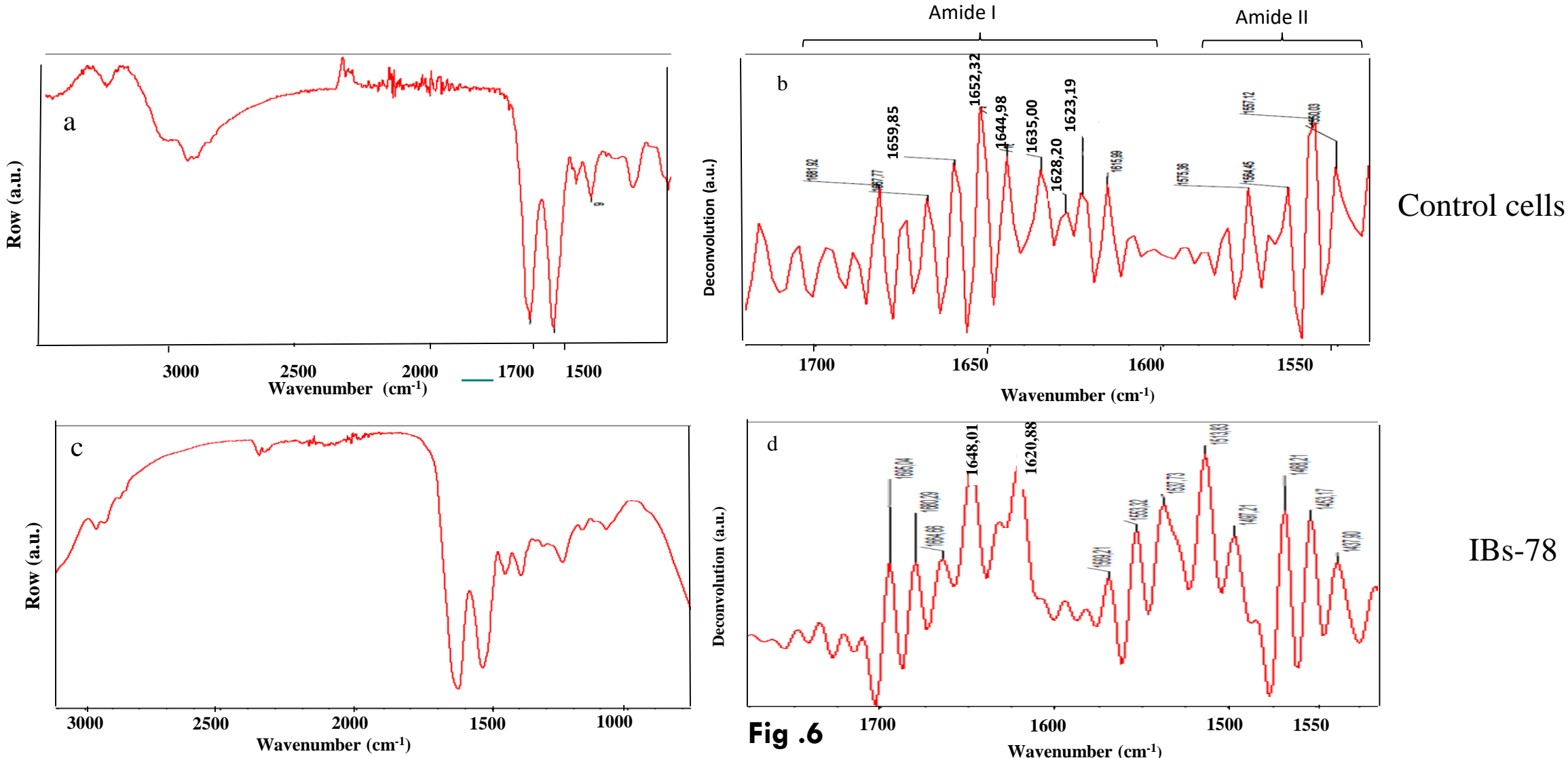


IBs-77

**Fig .5**

# Results

Row and deconvoluted spectra of pure IBs-78 and control cells.

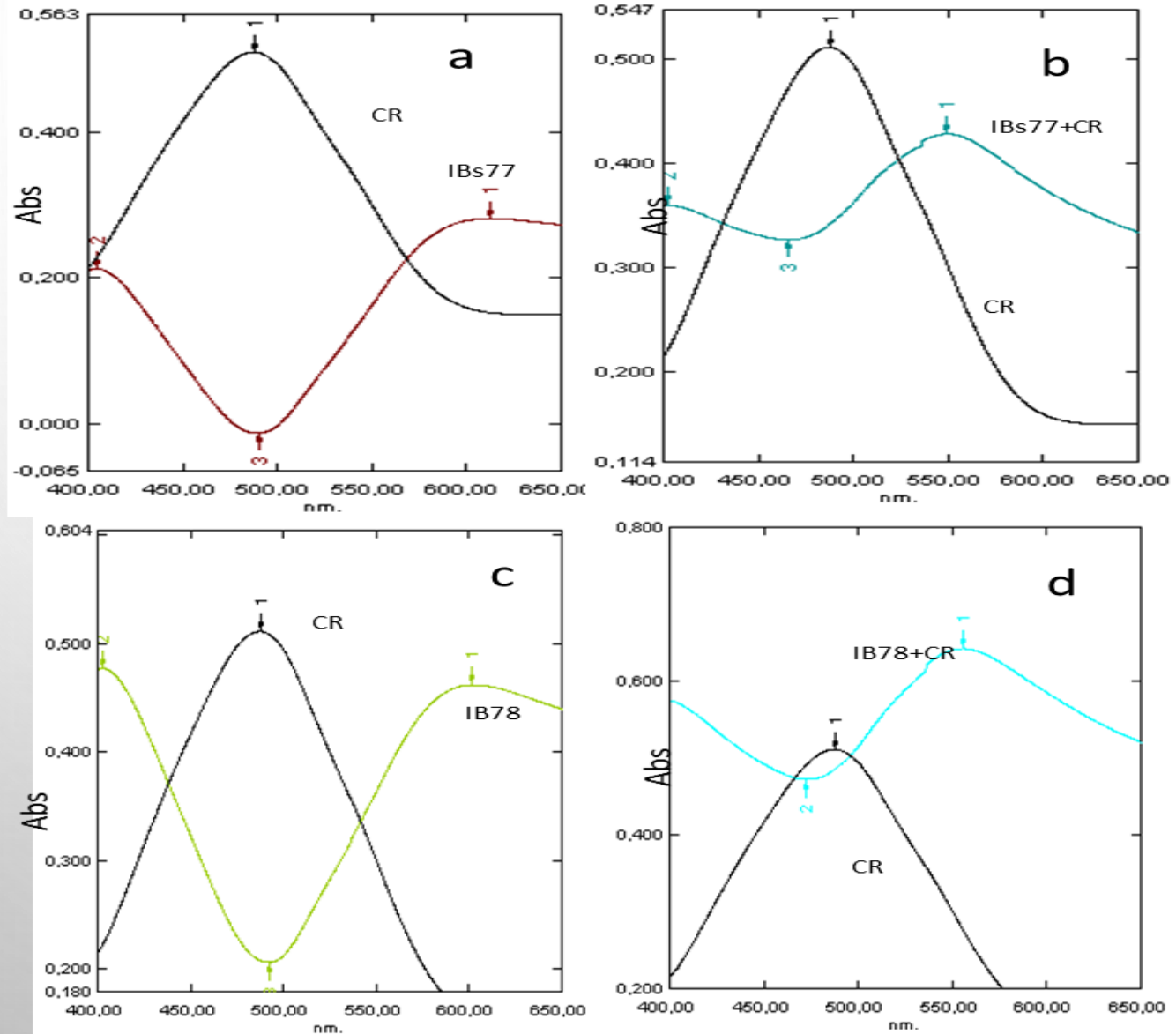




# Results

CR (Congo Red)

Control absorbance



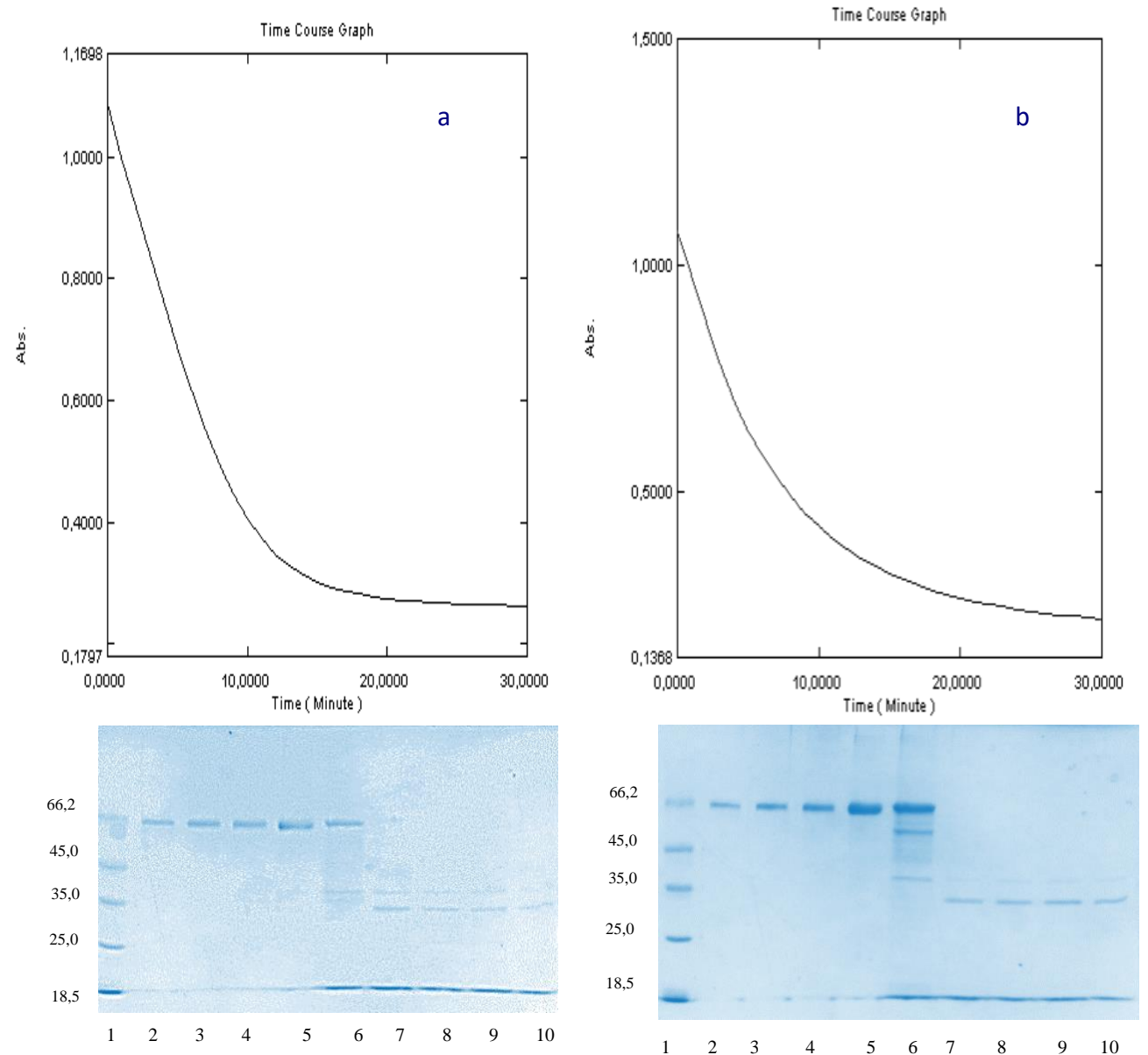
Absorbance of the complex CR bund to IBs.

Fig .7

# Results

## Digestion with Proteinase K

Proteinase K digestion of DH5 $\alpha$  (pMMB-77) and BL21(pET 28a-78) IBs. 1: molecular marker; 2-5 Coomassie blue marker; 6 control IBs protein; 7-10 digested protein IBs.

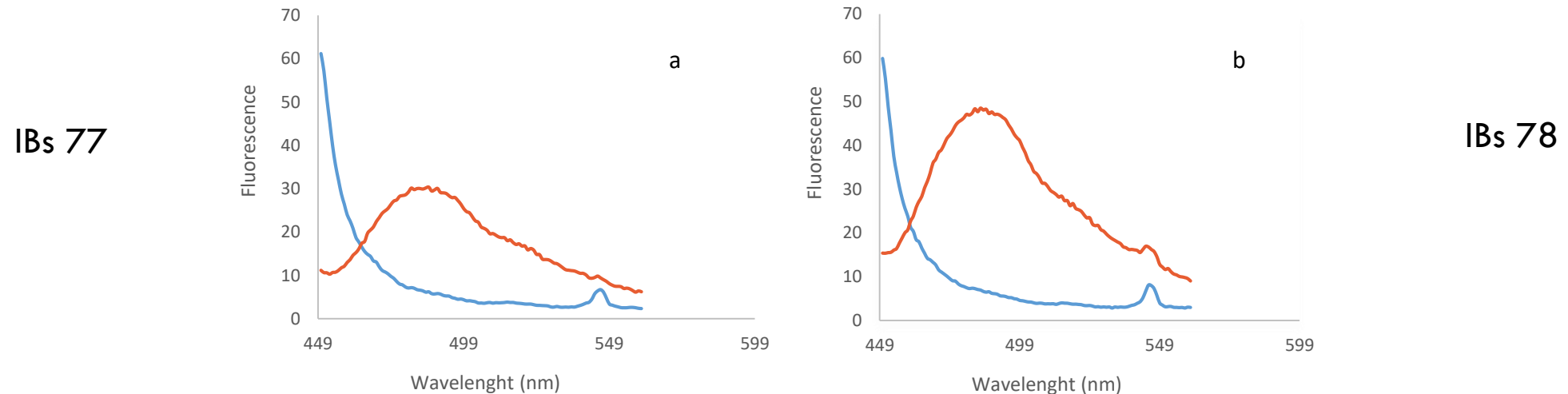


**Fig .8**

# Results

## Thioflavin binding fluorescence

Fluorescence emission spectra of IBs-77 (a) control( blue line) digested protein without Th-T; Fluorescence emission spectra of IBs-78(b) control (blue line) digested protein without Th-T

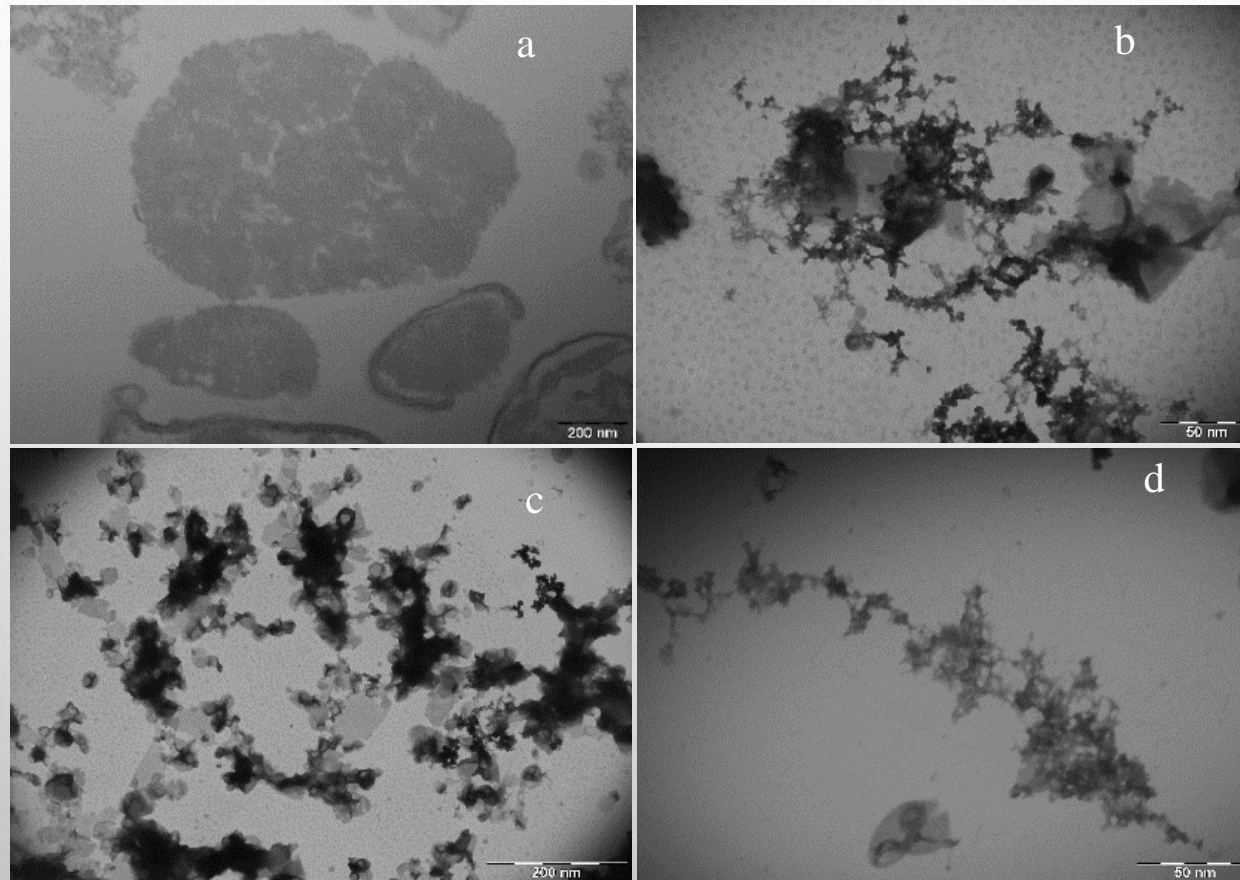


**Fig .9**

# Results

Micrographs of IBs-77 aggregates. Purified IBs-77 before digestion (a); IBs-77 after digestion dark and amorphous material (c) amyloid fibrils (d) purified IBS-77 before digestion

IBs-77 before digestion



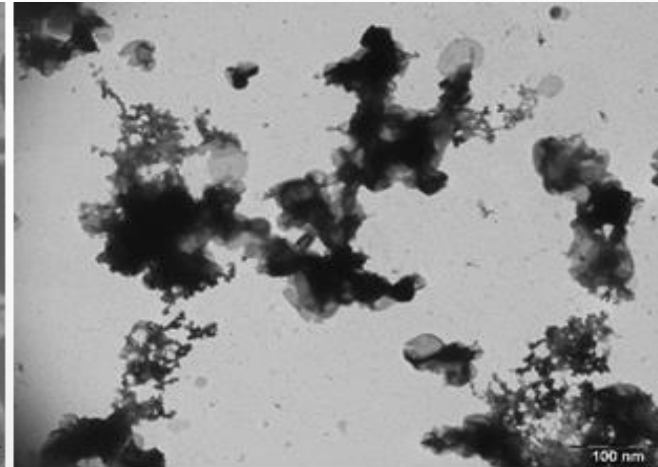
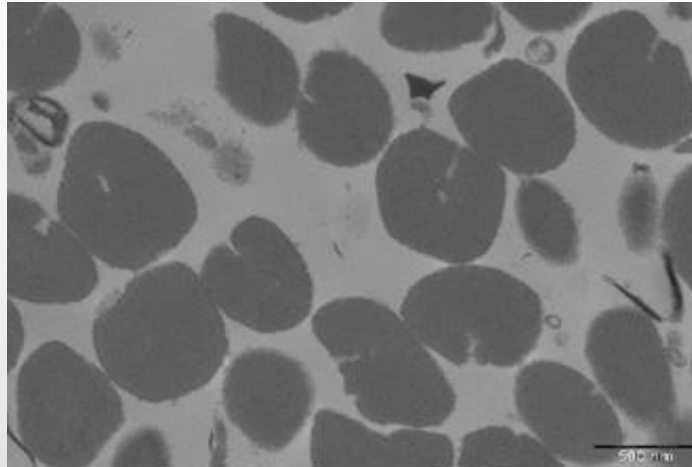
IBs-77 after digestion

Fig .10

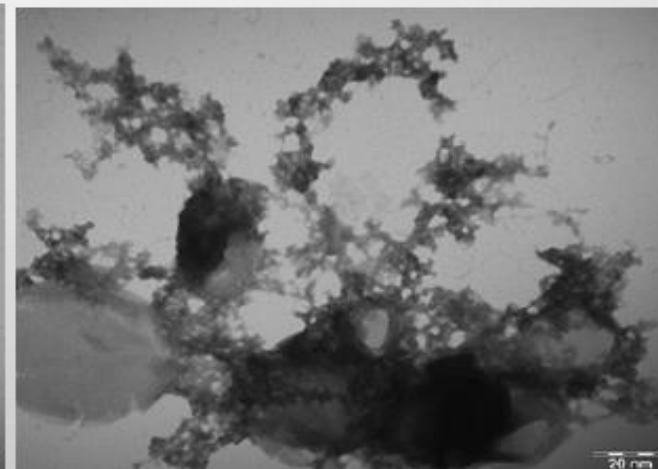
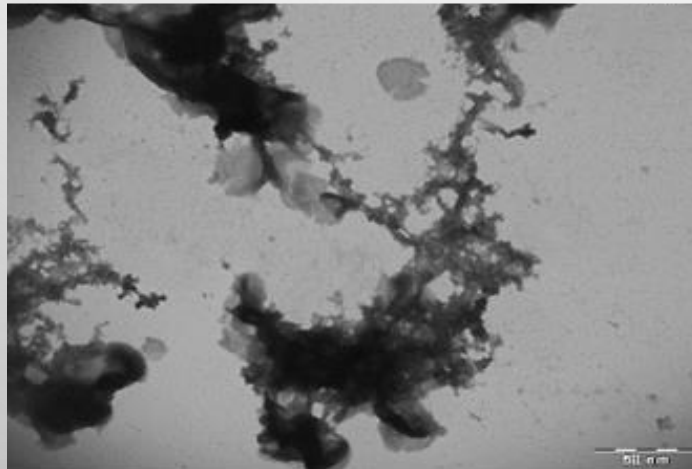
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TEM micrographs of IBs-78 aggregates. Purified IBs-78 before digestion (a); IBs-78 after digestion

IBs-78 before digestion



IBs-78 after digestion



**Fig .11**

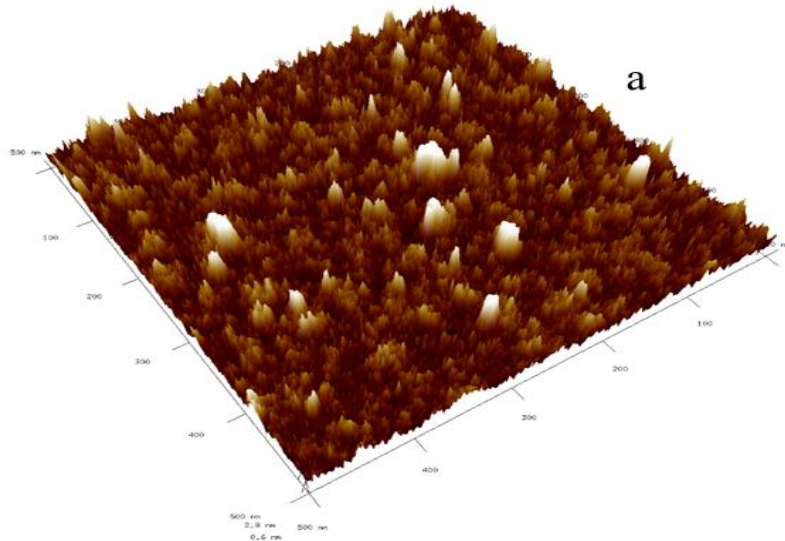


# Results

## AFM imaging

AFM 3-D overview of inclusion bodies produced by (a) DH5 $\alpha$  (pMMB-77), the scan size is 5000nm

IBs 77



IBs 78

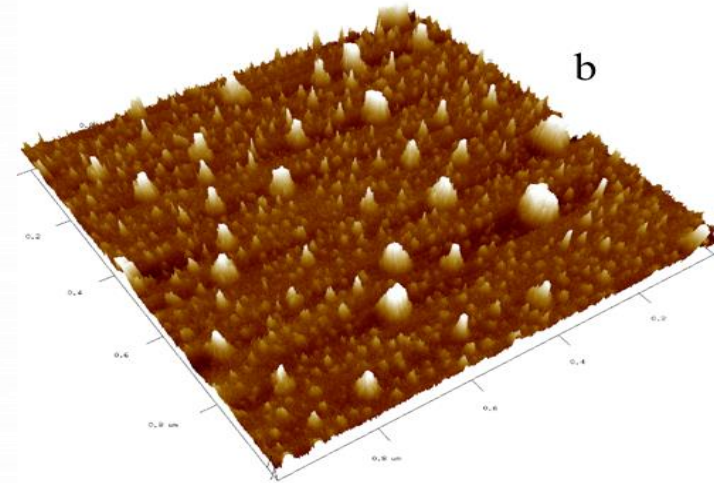


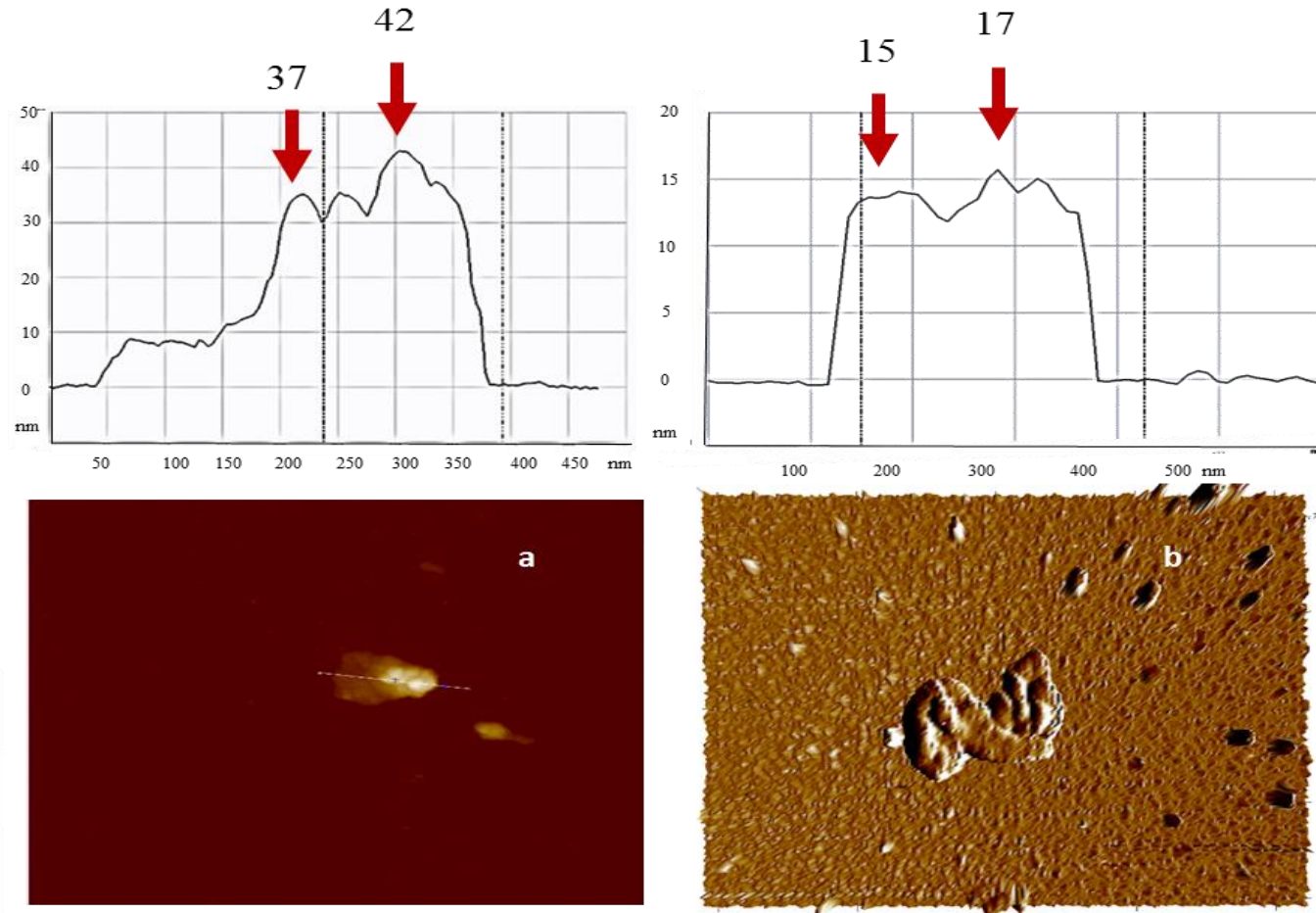
Fig .12



# Results

**Amplitude AFM images of DH5 $\alpha$  (pMMB-77) IBs before and after PK digestion.**

Digested IBs collapse  
up to 60-65%

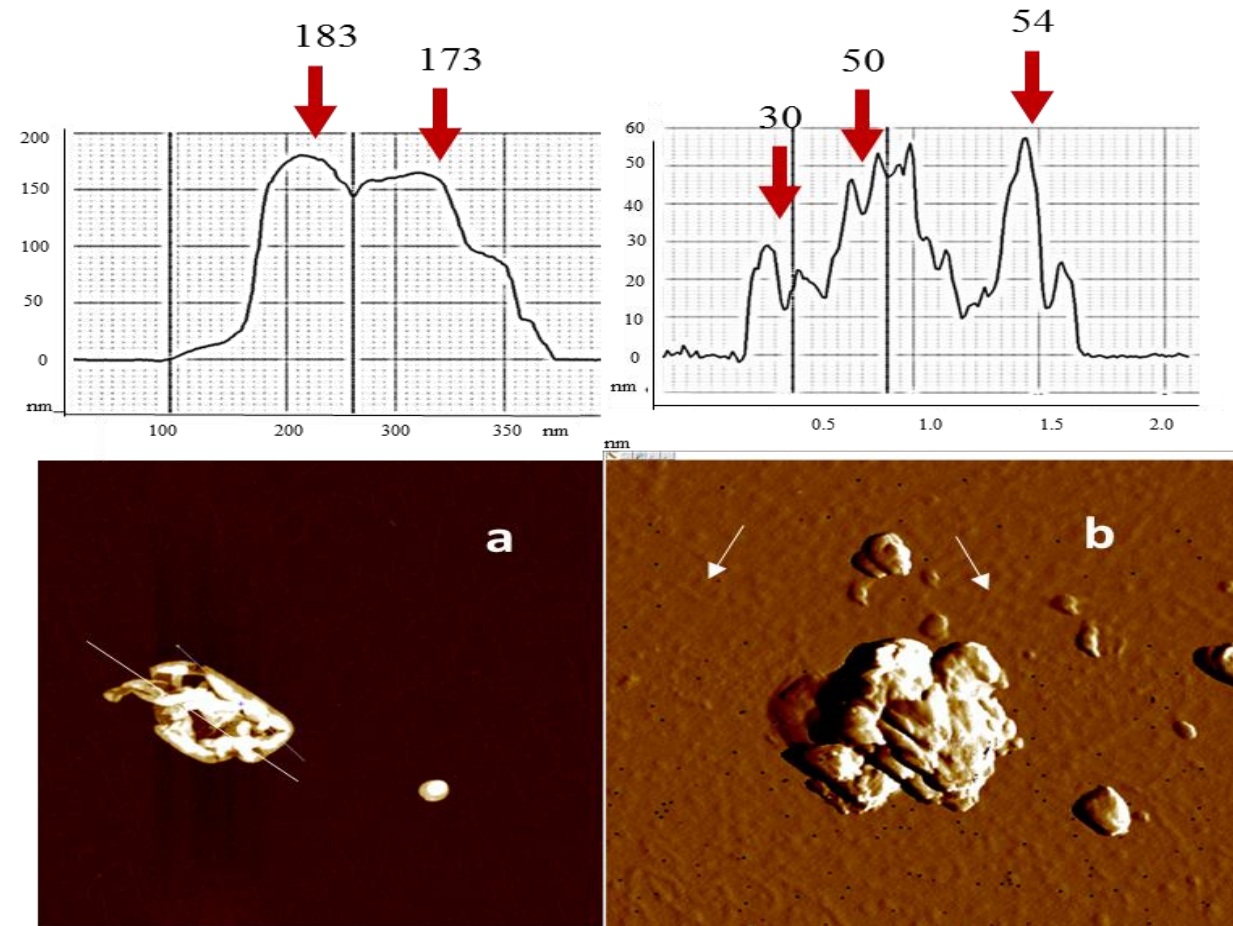


**Fig .13**

# Results & Discussion

**Amplitude AFM images of BL21 (pET 28a-78) IBs before and after PK digestion.**

Digested IBs collapse up to 70-83%



**Fig .14**

# Conclusion

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- ❑ Show activity of inclusion body and refolded protein
- ❑ Demonstrated amyloid structure present in studied IBs
- ❑ Inclusion bodies are nanoparticles for biotransformation unsaturated fatty acid

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